

m/043/012

State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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June 7, 2000

RE: Star Stone Quarries, Peoa Blonde, M/043/012. Summit County, Utah

Att: D. Wayne Hedberg > permit supervisor

We are aggrieved by this tentative decision and are hereby filing a written protest with this Division, we do have factual reason why this proposed operation should not be approved.

Having purchased lot no. 36 Park East Development a few years back which is adjoining the proposed quarry site. Our intentions for our lot, (as with everyone that has bought land in Park East Development) was to be an investment and is to become a family recreational and possibility a home site. We feel our lot is limited in its beauty and view, with all the other quarries established there already. (in case you haven't been out of your office to check this out there are THREE in the area right now) Right now in the area we have some developments going in, there are three or four phases in each development, and there are about three thousand homes in each phase. We believe that expanding the quarry is going to lower the land value and consequently we will suffer a loss on our land, (which if approved we will expect to be compensated for incurred damages to our investment) Right now the quarry's are, to say the least an eye sore, they run all hours, seven days a week, the equipment is noisy, the dynamiting shakes the ground, the employees of established quarry's trespasses on our land, there doesn't seem to be any direction from owners of existing quarry's, now we are looking at more, of the same, the dust that is created from the equipment on the bare hillside, is not being contained and is very irritating when you have allergies, and we don't believe that tearing up the terrain, and the hillside, directly in front of our choicest view would be to our best interest.

We are presently anticipating drilling a water well and improving the

over all vegetation on our property, including trees, and shrubs. The expansions that they are contemplating will take out a natural little valley with a stream and trees (probably one of the three in the whole Park East Development) which they will then, contaminate the stream, that both properties share, and where the wildlife waters every night, which will limit the wildlife's area where they will be able to get water.

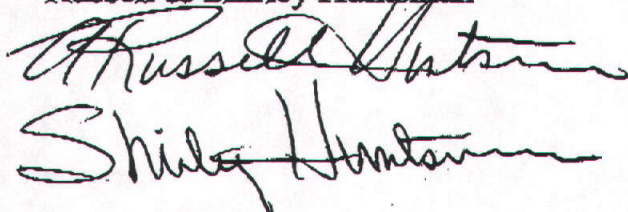
As to the expansion of the quarry(I know I keep referring to expansion of quarry, where as they are under another name, but if you came out to see where they have marked, it hooks right on to the existing quarry or so relatively close, that it leads us to believe it is an expansion and not just a building of a new quarry this means that by going by a new name they won't be bound by old laws) what is the anticipated time limit to the excavation of said quarry, the proposed area of the expansion of the quarry is a relatively steep angle and will be virtually impossible to landscape without the possibility of erosion taking place. One of my main concerns being that the hillside will not be landscaped or contained in my lifetime.

Our proposed spot for drilling our culinary water supply will be within approximately 200 feet of said quarry (if approved) said spot being into the twin creek formation, being a highly favorite formation to obtain quality, and quantity, of water.

And as with all land purchases our intent was to increase the value of our land and our investment thru time not to have our land value decreased by the ever expansion of rock quarry's no matter which way you look.

We ask that you do not approve the expansion or development of Star Stone Quarry, that you do limit the quarries to the three that are already there in the Park East Development section of Utah, that you do not devalue our land and do not further spoil our view and the over all appearance of the beautiful valley.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,
Russell & Shirley Huntsman

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The first signature is "Russell Huntsman" and the second is "Shirley Huntsman". Both are written in dark ink.

PS Letter and pictures to follow in snail mail.

BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE
DECISION TO APPROVE THE MINING
AND RECLAMATION PLAN FOR
STAR STONE QUARRIES, INC.'S
PEOA BLONDE QUARRY
SUMMIT COUNTY, UTAH

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE
DECISION TO APPROVE
NO. M/043/012

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION,
MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS
INTERESTED IN SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST, SLBM, SUMMIT
COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve the Mining and Reclamation Plan for Star Stone Quarries, Inc.'s Peoa Blonde Quarry. Mining activities will effect the following area: Portions of the SE/4 NW/4 and the SW/4 of Section 20, Township 1 South, Range 5 East, SLBM, Summit County, Utah, SLBM, Summit County, Utah.

Star Stone Quarries, Inc. has submitted a permit application to expand their existing small mining operations to a large mining operations status. The operator will employ the following mining and reclamation techniques on approximately 25.7 acres of private land.

During Operations:

Stone is dug from the quarry with a trackhoe where it is split by hand and stacked on pallets for shipping. Harder stone is cut with the guillotine. Waste material is added to the dumps where it is fed to the crusher for a crushed stone product. Topsoil is salvaged and placed in stockpiles for final reclamation. Topsoil stockpiles are seeded and signed to protect them from erosion and further impacts. The Quarry operation will step down in 10-foot lifts for safety and to maintain a level working area. The operator has obtained an air quality permit to operate the crusher. Fuel is stored in an above-ground storage tank with secondary containment to control any potential spills.

After Operations:

All facilities and structures will be removed and all disturbed areas except the access road (12-foot wide) will be reclaimed. Areas that have been compacted will be ripped. All areas except the highwall will be graded to less than 2.5h:1v slope. Fine material will be placed on the quarry floor and dumps as needed to provide for a minimum 18-inch depth for rooting (including topsoil).

replacement). Topsoil will be respread over the entire site and will be amended with 5-10 tons per acre of composted manure. The area will then be seeded with an approved seed mix designed to meet the proposed post mining land uses of grazing and wildlife habitat. The Division has approved variances for not replacing topsoil or seeding the final highwall areas (approximately 2.5 acres) and to leave a 12-foot wide access road into the property. The operator has requested an additional 10.5 acres remain for future commercial uses. However, until Summit County approves of these uses, the operator will plan to reclaim the entire site (except the areas that have received variances).

The person representing the company is Mr. Lon Thomas; Phone (801) 262-4300. Star Stone Quarries, Inc., is fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. §40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

DATED THIS 12th day of May, 2000

STATE OF UTAH
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING



Lowell P. Braxton
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May 12, 2000

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Re: Public Notice to Owners of Record, Star Stone Quarries, Peoa Blonde, M/043/012, Summit County, Utah

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Huntsman:

Pursuant to Rule 647-4-116 of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's Minerals Reclamation Program, you are hereby notified of the Division's intent to issue tentative approval for Star Stone Quarries, Inc.'s permit application for their Peoa Blonde project located in Summit County, Utah. This rule requires that all owners of record or immediately adjacent to the land affected be notified of said action. A copy of the public notice, that will be published in the local and Salt Lake area newspapers, is attached for your reference and information.

Anyone aggrieved by this tentative decision is hereby advised to file a written protest with this Division setting forth factual reasons why this proposed operation should not be approved. Written objections of substance, received by the Division during the public comment period, will be heard at a hearing before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining, in accordance with UCA §40-8-18.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Wayne Hedberg".

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Attachment - public notice
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